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Sir:

In regard to the above-captioned patent application, Applicant herein respectfully requests to change the entity status from small to large. Applicant is no longer entitled to claim small entity status.

Applicant previously filed a request to correct entity status for the above-captioned application on September 18, 2009. On February 12, 2010, the Petition Examiner issued a Notice that the request was not accepted and a (1) month period of time was given to correct the deficiency. Applicant was not able to respond to the request for correction because the notification from the USPTO was never received. As a result, any delay in filing a response to the February 12, 2010 Notice was unintentional.

The status of small entity was established in good faith and the fees paid as small entity were paid in good faith as the Applicant's status at the time of Allowance and Issue Fee Payment was as a small entity. Payment was made on the three and one half year maintenance fee on September 18, 2009 under small entity status and a Petition was submitted at that time, as noted

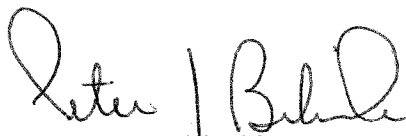
above, indicating that Applicant no longer was entitled to small entity status and wished to correct the entity status and make a deficiency payment.

More specifically, Applicant's status changed from small entity to large entity after payment of the issue fee and prior to the required payment date for the three and one half year maintenance fee which was due on March 21, 2009. As noted, payment in the amount of \$490.00 charged to Applicant's deposit account was made on September 18, 2009. Furthermore, an additional payment of \$490.00 also charged to Applicant's deposit account was made by Applicant's representative on November 9, 2009 to pay for the deficiency, which is the difference between the large entity and small entity status amounts for the three and one half year maintenance fee for the above-captioned patent. Both fees were applied to the subject patent and charged to Applicant's deposit account 50-3010 on September 23, 2009 and November 9, 2009, under fee codes 2551 and 1559, respectively. Therefore, it is believed that the fee deficiency in regard to this patent has been cured.

A copy of the current bibliographic data sheet and current maintenance fee statement for this patent attached hereto are instructive; as each indicate that the three and one half maintenance fee was made properly as a large entity and that the patent is presently entitled to large entity status. Nonetheless and because Applicant did not respond previously to the February 12, 2010 Notice, this petition has been refiled in an effort to clarify the status and payment history of the patent.

To that end, Applicant prays petition for payment of fees is now complete, with proper itemization and that all formalities and payments properly correspond. The Director is herein also authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or credit any excess payments to our Deposit Account No. 50-3010.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Bilinski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line separating the first and last names.

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The payment shown below is subject to actual collection. If the payment is refused or charged back by a financial institution, the payment will be void and the maintenance fee and any necessary surcharge unpaid.

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